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I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM).

Major-General Gian Giuseppe Santillo (Italy) who has been the Force Commander of UNIKOM since 1 December 1995, will be relinquishing his post on 30 November 1997. Following consultations with the parties concerned, it is my intention to appoint Major-General Esa Kalervo Tarvainen of Finland as the next Force Commander of UNIKOM. A background note on Major-General Tarvainen is attached.

I should be grateful if you could bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi ANNAN

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Annex

Curriculum vitae

Name:	Esa Kalervo TARVAINEN	
Rank:	Major-General	
Position:	Inspector of Field Artillery	
Date of birth:	7 March 1947	
Place of birth:	Joensuu	
Marital status:	Married to Ritva Tarvainen, one daughter and one son	
Career:	1966-1967	Conscript service
	1967-1970	Military Academy
	1970-1971	Instruction Officer, Satakunta Artillery Regiment
	1972-1973	Instruction Officer, Artillery School
	1974	Captain Course, Field Artillery
	1975-1976	Military Observer, United Nations Truce Supervision Organization
	1976-1979	Chief of Office, Artillery School
	1979-1981	War College
	1981-1983	Staff Officer, General Headquarters
	1983	Senior Staff Officer, General Headquarters
	1983-1984	Chief of Operations Office, United Nations Disengagement Observer Force
	1985	National Defence Course, War College
	1985-1992	Aide-de-Camp to the President of the Republic
	1992-1993	Assistant Chief of Staff Liaison at United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon headquarters
	1993-1995	Commanding Officer of Artillery Brigade and Niinisalo Garrison
	1996-	Inspector of Field Artillery

Promotions:	1967	Second Lieutenant
	1970	Lieutenant
	1973	Senior Lieutenant
	1977	Captain
	1983	Major
	1989	Lieutenant Colonel
	1993	Colonel
	1997	Major-General

Decorations: Knight, First Class, Order of the Lion of Finland
Medal for Military Merits
Three United Nations medals
Several foreign decorations

Languages: Finnish, English, Swedish